

MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON APRIL 17, 2019, AT 6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lou Ann Watson, Fred Busing, Brad Stokes, Beth Dickinson, Ben Cumber

MEMBERS ABSENT: Caylin LePire, Renae Roberts

REPRESENTATIVES: Mayor Sykes; Councilman Schipani; Recreation Superintendent Tiffany Belt; Parks Superintendent Miguel Pedroza

TRANSCRIBER: Amy Pearson

MINUTES:

Beth Dickinson made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 20, 2019 meeting. Lou Ann Watson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

RECOGNIZE PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE:

Mayor Sykes signed the Arbor Day Proclamation and then excused himself for another appointment.

Mary Kemp, American Cancer Society and Chakoma Haidari, Health Policy Analyst, Central District Health were present for Tobacco and Vape Free Parks topic.

OLD BUSINESS

Tobacco & Vape Free Parks

Chakoma Haidari of Central District Health gave a presentation on smoke-free parks. Following the presentation committee members had an open discussion on this topic. Tiffany explained that they are going to be doing a large parks survey throughout the summer and suggested that they add some questions regarding people's opinion on smoking/vaping in the parks so that they would have true data to support further action. Committee members agreed that would be a good idea to add questions to the survey and in the meantime request additional free signage from Central District Health to be installed at all park locations. The committee would like the signage to say something to the effect of "Nicotine Free Zone. Thank you for not smoking or vaping on this property."

Brad Stokes made a motion to get and install free signs without a policy at this time and add questions to the summer Parks and Recreation survey for further data. Ben Cumber seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Item closed.

Parks Update

Miguel gave a Parks department update. They have hired a new full-time employee to replace an employee that retired in September. They have a big power update at Optimist Park taking place and are currently waiting on Idaho Power. Parks has been helping at the swimming pool. Carry forward.

Arbor Day Event

Park and Recreation are planning a massive Arbor Day/Earth Day event that is going to be Tuesday, April 23rd from 3:00 to 5:00 in Richard Aguirre Park, and the public is invited to attend. Carry forward.

NEW BUSINESS

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Summer Programs

Tiffany said that all the summer programs are planned and ready to go. They have three new instructors and a paddle board yoga instructor came in today that would like to teach. There is a lot of good programming that will be taking place this summer and a lot of it is already full. Carry forward.

Swimming Pool Update

Tiffany said that they cleaned, patched and had the pool ready to go in one week. Leak detection came out and were there almost one full day. They dove and plugged every jet face and plugged them, plugged every skimmer return line to test, pulled lights and plugged everything. Skimmer has a minimal leak, but it holds pressure and to him it was not the source of the main leak. They located a very large leak under the slide. The leak was so big he was putting in 15 psi of pressure and the gauge was only reading three. The leak has been capped and leak detection will come back so that he can continue to test the other lines. Because of the severity of the leak, it washed out everything under the slide. The slide has been removed and will not be brought back due to the weight of it. They are trying to find something to install to replace the slide. They have looked at a rock wall, a climbing wall, and maybe another slide that can be put into another area. The goal was to make sure that the chlorination system functioned at full capacity and for it to do that they need the repair the major leak. Carry forward.

Central District Health Presentation on Tobacco Policy and Resources

Chakoma Haidari of Central District Health gave a presentation on smoke-free parks. Item further discussed under Tobacco and Vape Free Parks in old business. Item closed.

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the committee, Brad Stokes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ben Cumber seconded the motion. All in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M.


Chair

AGENDA ITEMS FOR MAY 15, 2019 MEETING

OLD BUSINESS

Parks Update
Arbor Day Event
Summer Programs
Swimming Pool Update

NEW BUSINESS

Survey Information
Pollinator Week